Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

(DOWNTOWN)

cor. St. Antoine and Monroe

Devotions at 12:15 Noon Mass
on Tuesdays.

(FROM APPROVED SOURCES)

An Act of Consecration to the Holy Ghost

On my knees, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body, to Thee, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Thy purity; the unerring keenness of Thy justice, and the might of Thy love. Thou art the Strength and the Light of my soul. In Thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. Mercifully guard my every thought, and grant that I may always watch for Thy light and listen to Thy voice, and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee, and give myself to Thee, and ask Thee, by Thy compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus, and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting to His Precious Blood, and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore Thee, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Thy grace that I may never sin against Thee. Give me grace, O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere, Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth. Amen.

O Mother of Perpetual Help

1.

O Mother of Perpetual Help,
To Thee we come imploring help,
Behold us here, from far and near,
To ask of Thee our help to be;
Behold us here, from far and near,
To ask of Thee our help to be.

2.

Perpetual help we beg of Thee;
Our souls from sin and sorrow free;
Direct our wandering feet aright,
And be Thyself our own true light;
Direct our wandering feet aright,
And be Thyself our own true light.

3.

And, when this life is o'er for me,
This last request I ask of Thee;
Obtain for me in heaven this grace,
To see my God there face to face;
Obtain for me in heaven this grace,
To see my God there face to face.

Prayers in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

(In reciting prayers, please pause at *)

Prayer in Spiritual Wants

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * with the greatest confidence, we come before Thy sacred Picture, * in order to invoke Thine aid. * Thou hast seen the wounds which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake; * Thou hast seen the Blood of Thy Son flowing for our salvation; * Thou knowest how Thy Son desires to apply to us the fruits of His Redemption. * Behold we cast ourselves at Thy feet, * and pray Thee to obtain for our souls the graces we stand so much in need of. * O Mary, most loving of all mothers, * obtain for us from the heart of Jesus, the source of every good, * these graces * (here mention them). O Mother of Perpetual Help * Thou desirest our

salvation far more than we ourselves: * Thy Son has given Thee to us for our Mother; * Thou hast Thyself chosen to be called, Mother of Perpetual Help. * We trust not in our merits, but in Thy powerful intercession; * we trust in Thy goodness; * we trust in Thy motherly love. * Mother of Perpetual Help, * for the love Thou bearest to Jesus, Thy Son and our Redeemer; * for the love of Thy great servant Alphonsus; * for the love of our souls, * obtain for us the graces we ask from Thee, * Amen.

Three Hail Marys.

Prayer in Temporal Wants

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * numerous clients continually surround Thy holy Picture, * all imploring Thy mercy. * All bless Thee as the assured help of the miserable; * all feel the benefit of Thy

motherly protection. * With confidence, then, do we present ourselves before Thee in our misery. * See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; * see how numerous are our wants. * Trials and sorrows often depress us; * reverses of fortune and privations often grievous bring misery into our lives; * everywhere we meet the cross. * Have pity, Compassionate Mother, on us and on our dear ones; * especially in this our necessity * (here mention it). Help us, dear Mother, in our distress; * deliver us from all our ills; * or, if it be the will of God that we should suffer still longer, * grant that we may endure all with love and patience, * These graces we expect of Thee with confidence, * because Thou art our Perpetual Help. * Amen.

Three Hail Marys.

To Our Mother of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * Thou art the dispenser of all the goods which God grants to us miserable sinners; * and, for this reason, has He made Thee so powerful, so rich, and so bountiful, * that Thou mayest help us in our misery. * Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners who have recourse to Thee; * come, then, to my help, dearest Mother, for I recommend myself to Thee. * In Thy Hands, I place my eternal salvation, * and to Thee do I entrust my soul. * Count me among Thy most devoted servants; * take me under Thy protection, and it is enough for me; * for, if Thou protect me, dear Mother, I fear nothing; * not from my sins, because Thou wilt obtain for me the pardon of them; * nor from the devils, because Thou art more powerful than all hell together; * nor even from Jesus, my Judge

himself, * because, by one prayer from Thee, He will be appeased. * But one thing I fear; * that, in the hour of temptation, I may neglect to call on Thee, and thus perish miserably. * Obtain for me, then, the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance, * and the grace always to have recourse to Thee, * O Mother of Perpetual Help.

Three Hail Marys.

(Priest)—Thou has been made for us, O Lady, a Refuge.

(People)—A Helper in need and tribulation.

Let Us Pray

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who hast given us Thy own Mother Mary, Whose glorious image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who constantly implore Her help may merit always to experience the fruits of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

(People)—Amen.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus in Honor of the Blessed Virgin

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin and my Mother, Mary; * to Thee, Who art the Mother of my Lord, * the Queen of the world, * the Advocate, the Hope, and the Refuge of sinners, * I have recourse today, I who am the most miserable of all. * I render Thee my most humble homage, *O Great Queen, * and I thank Thee for all the graces Thou hast obtained for me until now, * and, in particular, for having saved me from hell which I have so often deserved. * I love Thee, O most Amiable Lady; * and, for the love which I bear Thee, I promise to serve Thee always, * and to do all in my power to make others also love Thee. * I place in Thee all my hopes, and I confide my salvation to Thy care. * Accept me for Thy servant and receive me under Thy mantle, * O Mother of Mercy. * And, since

Thou art so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations; * or, rather, obtain for me the strength to triumph over them until death. * Of Thee I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ; * through Thee I hope to die a good death. * O my Mother, by the love which Thou bearest to God, * I beseech Thee to help me at all times, * but, especially, at the last moment of my life. * Leave me not, I beseech Thee, until Thou seest me safe in heaven, * blessing Thee and singing Thy mercies for all eternity. * Amen; so I hope; so may it be.

Act of Consecration

Desiring to consecrate myself entirely to the service of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, * from Whom, after God, I expect all help and assistance in life and in death, * I unite myself to the members of this pious confraternity, * which has been erected in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

As my special patron, I choose the glorious St. Alphonsus, * that he may obtain for me a true and lasting devotion to the ever Blessed Virgin, * Who is honored by so sweet a name.

I promise, moreover, * to renew my consecration to the Mother of God and to St. Alphonsus * on the fourth Sunday of every month, * and frequently to receive the Holy Sacraments.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * receive me as Thy servant, * and grant that I may ever experience Thy constant motherly protection. * I promise to have recourse to Thee in all my spiritual and temporal necessities. * My holy patron, St. Alphonsus, * obtain for me the grace of an ardent love for Jesus Christ, * and the grace of always invoking the Mother of Perpetual Help. * Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
And, in our hearts, take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made;
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

1.

Mother dearest, Mother fairest,
Help of all who call on Thee;
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,
Help us, help, we cry to Thee.

CHORUS

Mary help us, help, we pray;
Mary help us, help, we pray;
Help us in all care and sorrow,
Mary help us, help, we pray.

2.

Lady help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those racked on bed of pain;
May the golden light of morrow
Bring them health and joy again.

O Salutaris Hostia

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni Trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

(Priest)—Panem de coelo praestitisti eis. (Alleluiah.)

(People)—Omne delectamentum* in se habentem. (Alleluiah.)

(Priest)—Oremus, etc.
(People)—Amen.

Mother Dear, Oh, Pray for Me

Mother dear, oh, pray for me
Whilst, far from heaven and Thee,
I wander, in a fragile bark,
O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne
So bright in bliss above,
Protect Thy child, and cheer my path
With Thy sweet smile of love.

CHORUS

Mother dear, oh, pray for me,
And never cease Thy care,
'Til in heaven eternally,
Thy love and bliss I share.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Tuesday Prayer to St. Anthony

O glorious St. Anthony, safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed, who through a miraculous revelation hast directed all those who seek thy aid to approach thy altar, with the promise that whosoever visits it for nine consecutive Tuesdays and there piously invokes thee will feel the power of thy intercession, I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to thee today with a firm hope, and I rejoice in the great honor which our holy Mother the Church has shown to thee in placing thy image on her altars. I pour forth my prayer to thee; I implore thy aid, thy protection, thy counsel, and thy blessing. Obtain for me, I beseech thee, my request in this necessity (———), provided it be not opposed to the will of God and the welfare of my soul. Should such, however, be the case, obtain for me such other graces as shall be conducive to my salvation through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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